

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJ: COMMERCIAL STAFFING

REF: STATE 014670

1. EMBASSY IS CONCERNED WITH POSSIBLE SERIOUS SHORTFALL IN COMMERCIAL STAFFING AT THIS POST DURING SUMMER TRANSFER PERIOD, AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S COOPERATION IN TIMING ONWARD ASSIGNMENT FROM HERE SO AS TO PREVENT DISLOCATION IN SCHEDULED PROGRAMS. THE COMMERCIAL STAFF IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING OR EXECUTING THE FOLLOWING MAJOR TRADE PROMOTION EVENTS:

- A) MAY: CONSUMER GOODS EXHIBITION
- B) JUNE: GRAPHIC ARTS EXHIBITION
- C) JUNE: POSSIBLE THREE IOGA TRADE MISSIONS, PUERTO RICO, ALABAMA// /MISSISSIPPI AND KANSAS
- D) AUGUST: CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION MISSION/SEMINAR
- E) SEPTEMBER: PLASTICS AND RUBBER PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION

2. OF SIX OFFIERCS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO COMSEC, FOUR ARE SCHEDULED FOR TRANSFER OR HOME LEAVE:  
DUDLEY, DIRECTOR, TASK FORCE, HOME LEAVE AND RETURN, MAY AND JUNE  
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WILSON, ASSISTANT COMATT, TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY, SEPTEMBER MCNALLY, TASK FORCE, TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY, AUGUST. HIS REPLACEMENT DUE 8/78  
LEU, TASK FORCE, TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY, AUGUST

3. WHILE EMBASSY DOES NOT WISH TO STAND IN THE WAY OF NEW ASSIGNMENTS WHICH INVOLVE ATTRACTIVE CAREER POSSIBILITIES FOR

THE OFFICERS INVOLVED, WILSON SHOULD STAY ON BOARD AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER JULY ONE, THE COMPLETION OF THE GRAPHIC ARTS EXHIBITION FOR WHICH HE HAS MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES. LIKEWISE, LEU SHOULD BE KEPT IN PLACE UNTIL THE END OF AGUST TO HANDLE THE CONCRETE MISSION/ SEMINAR. FINALLY, IT WILL BE HELPFUL IF DEPARTMENT COULD ISSUE HOME LEAVE ORDERS NOW FOR DUDLEY SO HE COULD START PLANNING A MID-DAY DEPARTURE.

4. WITH REGARD TO RECRUITING WILSON'S REPLACEMENT, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT TO KNOW THAT THIS POSITION INVOLVES SUPERVISION OF ONE JUNIOR OFFICER AND SIX LOCALS AND HAS BROAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRADITIONAL COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS EXCEPT MAJOR PROJECTS AND PRODUCT OPPORTUNITIES, CCP PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT, AND COORDINATION OF US EXHIBITIONS TEAM. IT IS A POSITION REQUIRING A STRONGLY-MOTIVATED, COMMERCIALY EXPERIENCED FSO-5.  
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